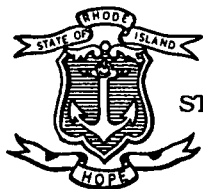


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RE: Draft Proposed Plan for Ground Water Remediation around Tanks 53 and 56 at
Tank Farm Five, NETC Newport dated April 1992.

Dear Franco:

The following are comments generated by this Division concerning the abovementioned ground water remediation plan.

1. Page 5- 2.1 Public Information Meeting and Public Hearing

General Comment- Notification should be sent out to all parties as well as the general public if this hearing date (5/27) is not going to be held. The Division requests a written schedule revision as soon as possible.

2. Page 10 and 11- Last paragraph

General Comment- The Department strongly recommends that Navy begin contracting arrangements so that once this "additional information" is obtained and ground water remediation is completed, the Navy can instruct their contractor to commence with the tank demolition and backfilling.

3. Page 17- 6.1 Design, Construction and Operation Costs for UV Oxidation system for Tanks 53 and 56.

The Department believes the two (2) year time frame should be expedited sooner for the start up of this interim action. There currently are several wells onsite which the contractor could begin utilizing for the initial pump and treat operation.

4. General Comment- The Division recommends the placement of an recovery well in the ring drain of each tank. This should eliminate the need for sampling through the floor of each tank.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (401) 277-2797.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Crawford', with a stylized, flowing script.

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